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LOYOLA PREPS FOR TOURNEY WITH A GAME AGAINST McMASTER

The McMaster Marlins are having a rough time of it in the collegiate hockey wars and they'll be getting another full dose of it when they tangle with the Loyola Warriors tonight at Loyola College. Game time is 3:00 p.m.

The Marlins are currently stuck in the basement of the western division of the Ontario-Quebec hockey league with only a tie to show in the six league contests they've played. In their six outings, McMaster has scored an average of three goals a game while allowing 5.5 goals against.

While it's been a rough first season in the won-loss columns, the Marlins have some of their own roughness to dish out. Three Marlins lead the ice division in penalties. Marty Zuchotski is the loop leader with 30 minutes in the sin-bin while Lee Carpenter and Bill Chalapenko have both spent 26 minutes cooling their heels.

On the plus side of the ledger, the Marlins have got a pair of steady goal scorers -- Gary Spear and Mac Hickox. Both have scored twice and assisted on four other Marlins markers. While Garry Inness has done the major share of goaltending for the Hamilton squad, both Glen Bayliss and Mark Gibson are waiting in the wings and have been called upon in the past. The game will be a final tune-up for the Warriors prior to their Fourth Annual Centennial Hockey Tournament this weekend. January 2-4 five top rate college hockey teams will be vying for the Centennial Cup, donated by President of the Canadian Arena Company, J. David Molson, in the confines of the Pointe Claire Arena. on Friday and Saturday, January 2 and 3 with the action starting at 7:00 p.m. and then shifting for the Championship game to the Montreal Forum on Sunday at 1:00 p.m.

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This year's Tournament is rated strictly a toss-up between four clubs, Toronto, Harvard, St. George and Loyola. There have been two sudden-death overtime thrillers in the four year history of the tournament and from all signs the games in the 1970 edition will be of the same exciting caliber.

Before the ice Warriors took their Christmas break they bombed Carleton Ravens 7-3 not giving Carleton goaler Andy Molino a very friendly welcome home. Molino played for Loyola for three seasons before making the move to the Ottawa campus.

The Warriors hope to continue their scoring spree in Tournament play on January 2, 3 and hopefully the 4th. To date the Warriors have scored 139 goals in 16 games for an average of 8.6 goals per game.